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LETTER REGARDING INTERVIEW


Sir:

The Examiner is most respectfully thanked for the Examiner's telephone call in this case. Further to the discussion this afternoon, the undersigned is looking forward to discussing this case in a telephone interview tomorrow afternoon.

In addition, the undersigned would like to clarify for the record that there appears to have been a misunderstanding in this case. As the Examiner pointed out on the telephone, throughout the prosecution, the Examiner has been cooperative in seeking to discuss this case with the undersigned. Apparently, in contrast to the indication that "no response [had] been received from the Patent Office" in the Amendment of July 2, 2004, the Examiner did respond and did seek to arrange such an interview with the undersigned. The Examiner's courtesies in bringing this to the undersigned's attention are most respectfully appreciated.

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The Examiner's courtesies and continued cooperation through-out the prosecution of this case have been most sincerely appreciated.

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